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SUBJECT: JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION OF KCIA ACTIVITIES

REF: SEOUL 3034

1. QUESTION OF TONG SON PARK'S COOPERATION WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON INVESTIGATION OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY BY U.S. OFFICIALS WAS AGAIN PURSUED IN MEETING WITH KCIA DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON MAY 11. FRASER AMENDMENT MENTIONED TO HIM, AND HE FULLY AWARE OF IT. THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, WHO IS FULLY KNOWLEDGEABLE REGARDING MY PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, SAID THAT KCIA DIRECTOR KIM IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORT TO GAIN TONG SON PARK'S AGREEMENT TO MEET WITH
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPS. WHICLE DIRECTOR KIM APPRECIATES THE HIGH PRIORITY U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSIGNS TO THIS ISSUE, HE CANNOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR ACTION AT THIS PRESENT TIME, BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON AS HIS PRESENT EFFORT HAS RUN ITS COURSE. THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT SAID HE COULD NOT PREDICT THAT DIRECTOR KIM'S EFFORTS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY THAT LACK OF FORWARD MOVEMENT INDICATES KCIA FOOT-DRAGGING, IT IS OUR APPRAISAL THAT THE DIRECTOR IS SERIOUSLY WORKING TO ACCOMMODATE OUR REQUEST. IT WOULD BE EASY FOR HIM TO TERMINATE THE DIALOGUE BY STATING SIMPLY THAT HE HAD TRIED AND FAILED TO GAIN TONG SON PARK'S COOPERATION. KIM'S FAILURE TO TAKE THIS OBVIOUS OUT INVITES CONTINUED EMBASSY PRESSURE WHICH HE DOUBTLESS FINDS UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT WE WILL KEEP REMINDING HIM OF NEED FOR EARLY ACTION. SNEIDER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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